

around in circles to-night, trying to save their precious organization, against which has been leveled successfully—as all here can see—the crushing weight of American opinion. This underlies it all. Paraguay, Colombia and Ecuador are the nations which are reported to be ready to follow Argentina and the New World in an assertion of independence of the Old World.

Canada's motion, deposited to-day, was:

"Resolved, that Article X be here and now eliminated from the covenant of the League."

It was deposited by the Canadian delegation in defiance of the expressed wishes of Arthur J. Balfour, one of Great Britain's representatives. Under the rules framed on this assembly, it cannot be even discussed until it is referred to the commission—the one which Mr. Balfour heads—and if the committee turns it down, Canada can get consideration of it by the assembly only by a two-thirds vote. But even then, under the Paris instrument, any member of the council can kill it.

But with Argentina's gambit in the ring, there is no question to-night that this and other proposed changes will now get consideration, despite Mr. Balfour, as the only way to save the league. Mr. Doherty said to THE NEW YORK HERALD correspondent to-night:

"We protested against Article X, at the peace conference. We are merely continuing the fight, but as a neighbor of the United States we are proud to do it. Article X is a big piece of humbuggery, because it can't be enforced. Canada is opposed to it, because it endorses all the decisions arrived at in Paris and stereotypes them, you might say. Also it is absolutely unfair to the small nations."

"We in Canada live in a fireproof house. Why should we be compelled to take out an insurance policy which covers the risk run by those who live among powder kegs? If the Powers wanted to guarantee the European boundaries, why didn't they do it themselves? But no, they made the little nations parties to the same pledge instead of making the proper distinction. They told us in Paris that we would have the right ourselves to determine how far we would go, but that isn't enough. And now they say it is not important when President Wilson calls it 'the heart of the covenant,' which in itself has already aroused false hopes. It is time that we disabused this impression in Europe and indicated to the United States how we stand."

Mr. Balfour said: "It ought to have been decided not to lead it with amendments at this session, but I will say that I am no lover of Article X. The spirit of the act being in other articles, I do not think it matters much."

Rene Viviani of France said: "France does not consider the covenant in a dogmatic light, and in principle really envisages all the amendments, including this one, but decided to oppose, for reasons already fully discussed, any alterations of the covenant at the present session of the assembly."

Wellington Koo of China asked: "Do you think it will bring the United States in? If so, I am for it."

The Canadian delegation insisted to-night they would bring about a discussion of their resolution before the assembly even if it was clear that the council was opposed to it, and it would have no chance of adoption now.

The revolt is on against the council's autocracy based on the principle of force, and which here has refused to bow before the majority demand even to the extent of establishing the international court before which little nations and big nations could be hailed alike and world disputes settled on the basis of equal justice for all.

To-day's session was almost entirely consumed by a discussion of the council's inaction in connection with the Russo-Polish war last spring, the at-

Reds Seize Armenia; Establish a Soviet

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Russian Soviet troops captured Erivan, the Armenian capital, on Thursday, and Armenia has declared itself a Soviet Republic. It is asserted in a wireless despatch received from Moscow to-day. The troops of the old Armenian Government have placed themselves at the disposal of the Soviet administration, the despatch declares.

"Azerbaijan," the message adds, "has voluntarily renounced the disputed provinces of Zangezar, Nakhichevan, Anne-Nagorny (?) and Karabagh, which have been handed over to Soviet Armenia."

tack by George Nicoll Barnes of the British delegation on the council evoking a confession by Leon Bourgeois, president of the council, that in such a case the council was virtually impotent to use any moral, economic or military weapons in the face of the Soviet's defiance.

He also admitted that some nations, including Great Britain, had seemed to think the league's intervention might be dangerous instead of helpful, and calculated to extend the conflict. It was a virtual admission that the council does not care to act on its own initiative, but instead would act only when requested, and also that a big, self-supporting Power like Russia, if outside the league, can defy and paralyze its power, at least under present conditions.

M. Bourgeois said the Soviets had denied the universality of the league's authority when the Russian inquiry was refused last spring and that this was equivalent to rejection of the league's power to intervene. There being no economic relations with Russia, he said, the economic weapon had been found useless to employ, and the league had no military weapon, as was shown by it having to ask the Powers to help it with troops in determining the Lithuanian frontiers.

"In short, I may say that intervention was impossible," he continued. "Much as I regret it, it was impossible to do more, but I say that none of the members here, if they had been on the council, would have decided for intervention."

FRANCE NOT DOUBTING STATUS OF ARGENTINA

Paris Foreign Office Does Not Question Legality.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—France does not question the constitutionality of the adherence of Argentina to the League of Nations, nor the competence of Argentina's delegates to the assembly of the league at Geneva to represent their country, it was stated at the Foreign Office to-day.

This statement was prompted by reports published in Argentina that France was questioning the legality of the Argentinean membership in the league, the point being raised that her adherence could not be considered legal until approved by the national Congress. The report was connected in Argentina with despatches from Geneva indicating that deductions had been made there from utterances of Foreign Minister Pueyrredon that Argentina favored the admission of Germany to the league.

In denying the report that France was questioning Argentina's status in the league the Foreign Office expressed disbelief that the French delegates at Geneva were taking an attitude reflecting any such view.

ALLIES ARE BLAMED BY GREEK PREMIER

'Say They Don't Want to Interfere; What Else Are They Doing?' Asks Rhallis.

PEOPLE FOR CONSTANTINE

Asserts It Is Allies Who Are Failing Greece, King Was Neutral.

By the Associated Press.

ATHENS, Dec. 4.—Premier Rhallis stated definitely to-day that the plebiscite on the return of former King Constantine would be held Sunday. He also asserted that the Cabinet would not resign for the present.

The aged Prime Minister—he is 80 years old—in discussing the allied note in the Foreign Office at 2 o'clock this morning was pointed in his criticism of the allied course.

"The note came as a surprise," said M. Rhallis. "In it the Allies say they do not wish to interfere in our internal affairs. Then I would like to know what are they doing now by sending such a note?"

"The Allies say they are painfully surprised by such events. What events? It is merely that we held elections in which the people expressed their will, and that is what elections are for."

"By the election the people have shown they want Constantine. They also gave Venizelos his political death blow. The Greek people still are willing to carry out the contracts undertaken with the Allies."

"It is the Allies who are failing us. If the Cabinet should resign what would be the use? We would be like Abyssinia, whose King the British removed. As for Constantine, I maintain he tried to observe neutrality and nothing more. That is his sin. The Greek people need pity and not injuries."

When the allied Ministers to-night formally presented the Supreme Council's note concerning measures to be taken in the event of Constantine's return the streets about the Foreign Ministry were blocked, crowds filtering in from Constitution Square. They shouted,

"Work! Work!" when the Italian Minister, Signor Montagna, arrived, the people regarding him favorably, because of his reported friendliness to Greece.

Later the crowds proceeded to the War Ministry, which has been crowded for days with ex-officers and others seeking reinstatement, and carried on a demonstration lasting an hour.

The financial situation is most serious and this afternoon M. Gounaris and Minister of Finance Kalogeropoulos conferred with M. Maximus, director of the National Bank of Greece. No foreign money is permitted to go out of the bank.

By the Associated Press.

ATHENS, Dec. 4.—The note disapproving the return of King Constantine caused surprise if not consternation in this city. It will be printed in Saturday afternoon's papers, although it will be given to the public in such a manner as to prevent trouble, which the Government is desirous of avoiding.

NEW REPARATIONS CONFERENCE ASKED

Premiers Part; Britain and Italy for Soviet Trade.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Premier Lloyd George, Premier Levesque of France and Count Sforza, the Italian Foreign Minister, concluded their conferences here to-day. The Premiers have decided to ask the Powers to appoint by December 13 delegates to a second financial conference at Brussels to discuss German reparations, the conference to be held as soon after December 13 as possible.

Trade with Russia was discussed without change in the viewpoints of the three countries. The Italians expressed the view that Russia would sign a trade agreement with England, and it was gathered that Italy would be willing to conclude an agreement with Russia on the same lines as the British agreement.

By the Associated Press.

LEAGUE CRUMBLING, SAY REPUBLICAN SENATORS

Argentina Starts Stampede, Declares Borah.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—The crumbling of the foundations of the League of Nations has begun with the refusal of Argentina to participate further in the sessions of the organization, in the view of many Senators now here. News of the determination of the Argentine delegation created no little in-

terest and excitement at the Capitol to-day.

One of the interesting points raised by the withdrawal of Argentina is whether the provision of the league covenant designed to prevent any nation withdrawing from the league until all of its international obligations are fulfilled will hold water. It is recalled that one of the Lodge reservations was designed to protect the United States by having it plainly set forth that America could quit the league at any time it chose.

Argentina is not protected by any such reservation. If any effort is made to hold Argentina in the league despite her own desires, it is pointed out to-day, it will prove the wisdom and necessity of the Lodge reservations. Proponents of the Wilson league insisted that this and many others of "the Lodge programme of reservations were unnecessary."

Comment on the withdrawal of Argentina among the Senators, some of them "bitter-enders" on the subject of the league, was as follows:

Senator Knox (Pa.), Republican: "The inevitable disintegration has begun a little earlier than I had anticipated."

Senator Lodge (Mass.), Republican: "I am very much interested in the report from Geneva, but we do not know enough to pass judgment on it. The indications seem to be that some of the nations represented in the league are be-

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